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In re Application of :  
Michael P. Hanratty : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 10/603,272 :  
Filed: June 25, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. 314765.0004 :

This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on September 5, 2003. The petition is based upon the practice described in MPEP § 708.02(VIII) "Accelerated Examination." The \$130.00 petition fee has been paid.

The petition is granted.

The petition to make special based upon the practice in the above mentioned MPEP section is deemed to satisfy all of the requirements thereof. Accordingly, the examiner will treat this application as special throughout its prosecution, in accordance with the examining practice set forth in items (A)-(E) pm [age 700-130 of the MPEP. Prior to the next action on the merits, the examiner will conduct a rigorous search for potentially interfering applications. The interference search will be brought up to date prior to each successive action.

The Supervisory Patent Examiner of Patent Examining Art Unit 3752 is being informed of this decision, and will advise the examiner to take future action consistent therewith.

PETITION GRANTED.

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